

Act 1951 as amended by Madras Act XXVII of 1954 continued to be applicable to the entire Madras Karnatak area except Bellary district.

1492. The administration of the listed and non-listed institutions with an income of over Rs. 20,000 and Mutts had been under the control of the Deputy Commissioners of the districts.

1493. The administration of the non-listed institutions was vested in the administrative control of the area committee constituted under the Act for the respective regions.

1494. *The Board of Wakfs for Old Mysore State.*—The Government constituted a Board of Wakfs consisting of seven members and the requisite rules under the Central Wakfs Act of 1954 were framed. The Government appointed the Commissioner for Endowments as Commissioner for Wakfs under Section 4 of the Act for the purpose of conducting a survey of Muslim Endowments in erstwhile Mysore area.

(vii) Stores Purchase Committee

Purchases.

1495. The total value of orders placed by the Stores Purchase Committee during the year amounted to Rs. 4,40,98,652 (Rs. 4,20,14,015). The value includes purchases made both in India and abroad.

1496. The total value of the purchase made from abroad amounted to Rs. 95,01,389 as against Rs. 1,18,56,534 during the previous year. The prices during the year remained fairly steady. The import restrictions were severe and purchases from abroad consequently were kept down to the minimum. The major portion of the order was for the Electrical Department.

1497. The expenditure on account of the establishment, advertisement and contingencies amounted to Rs. 21,51,200 00 as against Rs. 16,15,300 00 during the previous year. This sum includes the contribution of Rs. 4,000 to the Trade Agent in London and the clearance charges paid to the clearing agents.

1498. Messrs. Best and Co., (P) Ltd. Madras continued to be the clearing agents at Madras during the

year. The clearing work at Bombay harbour also has been entrusted to them, at the same rates. The total tonnage of consignments imported and exported by the Agents during the year was 6,350.25 tons and 156.75 tons respectively. The total expenditure incurred including customs duty, landing charges, harbour dues, commission paid to agents for services rendered by them and some incidental charges for the transport of consignments to their respective destinations amounted to Rs. 24,18,702-10.

1499. The Department of Industries and Commerce continued to inspect leather goods and other sundry supplies. Steel furniture was inspected by the P.W.D. Department.

1500. The main item of income was by the sale of tender forms. During the year the income stood at Rs. 50,496 (Rs. 31,467). Income.

1501. The total revenue realised by way of registration fees paid by the firms amounted to Rs. 3,370 as against Rs. 1,245 during the previous year.

(viii) Statistics.

1502. In order to be able to tabulate and analyse the large mass volume of data that was being collected in various spheres, in quickest possible time, a mechanical sorting and tabulating unit was installed in the Department during the year.

1503. During the year in sixteen out of nineteen districts, the District Statistical Offices were started functioning.

1504. Forecasts of the area and production under rice did not differ much from its area and production in the previous year. But the production of ragi decreased by nearly 9.3 per cent as compared with its previous year's production and the acreage decreased by about 6.5 per cent in respect of jowar. Due to better seasonal conditions there was an increase of 5.6 per cent in the average yield per acre. In the case of Bajra although there was an increase of nearly 11.1 per cent in area, the production had decreased by one per cent since the average yield per acre had come down by about 11 per cent. Forecasts of
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1505. The production of sugarcane fell by 4.8 per cent due to low annawari condition in many parts of the State,